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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resurrections, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

DOMESTIC.

Fourteen flour mills at Minneapolis were closed because of a strike of employees.

In Kansas City, Mo., the convention of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron workers voted in favor of seating Sam Parks and the other delegates from local union No. 2, of New York.

At Mount Vernon, Ind., while resisting arrest, William Wilkerson shot and killed City Marshal Schwake. Chased by a posse the murderer took his own life before he could be captured.

Judge DeHaven, of the United States district court in San Francisco, sentenced W. H. Dillard, former internal revenue employee, to five years in the penitentiary for the forging of Chinese certificates.

Robert Allen, Jr., aged 70 years, a prominent lawyer of Red Bank, N. J., was found dead in a wagon house at his home with a bullet wound in his head. He is supposed to have committed suicide because of business troubles.

Three men were killed by a collision of trains at Marion, Ind.

Officials of the Burlington Railway company and the Adams Express company have offered a reward of \$4,000 for the arrest and conviction of the men who held up a train near St. Joseph, Mo. Gov. Dockery has offered a reward of \$300 for each robber.

At the Empire City track, near New York, Prince Albert won against the world's pacing record of 1:55 held by Dan Patch and beat it most decisively going the distance in 1:57.

Orders for a restriction of the anthracite coal output have affected nearly all of the collieries in the Wilkesbarre Pa. region. Over 43,000,000 tons of coal have been mined since January 1.

An itinerary of 1,836 miles and traversing ten states and two Canadian provinces, for the coming trip of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston, with the guests, the Honorable Artillery company of London, has been completed.

A grand jury returned two indictments against George H. and P. N. Ford, the bankers of Burton, O., who several months ago failed with liabilities aggregating \$1,125,000. They are said to have accepted deposits after knowing the bank was insolvent.

The cotton crop of this season for Georgia is 1,076,000 bales, against 1,470,000 last year.

At the Milwaukee convention G. H. Hohenegarten, of St. Louis, was chosen president of the United Master Bakers of America.

The state bank of Roberts, Wis., was robbed and more than \$3,000 was secured from the safe by the robbers.

Ernest Spitzel was instantly killed and Joseph Duddle was probably fatally injured by a Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville train at Converse, Ind.

Yale university has entered upon its two hundred and third year.

The big Armour packing plant which was destroyed by fire at Sioux City, Ia., last winter, is to be rebuilt at once.

The general executive board of the Knights of Labor, meeting in Washington, adopted a resolution opposing the proposed war of union labor on President Roosevelt and attributes the hostility to politicians who would disrupt the ranks of labor.

At the Empire City track, near Yonkers, N. Y., Major Delmar trotted a mile in two minutes, equalling the record of Lou Dillon.

A proposition to admit to membership persons of mixed blood, to join the order, was defeated by the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Joseph Munzer, a theatrical manager in Cincinnati, tried to kill members of "Marked for Life" company by shooting at them. He wounded three, none seriously.

Fire destroyed an entire block of business houses at South Haven, Kan., causing a loss estimated at \$75,000.

A review of the week's trade by Dun and Bradstreet's agencies shows continued gains in railroad earnings; number of idle men diminished; jobbing trade good; demand for steel restricted.

Both the plague and cholera are raging at Pei-Tang, a seaport 50 miles east of Tientsin, north China, where 2,600 deaths have occurred during the past two months.

The ironworkers' convention at Kansas City was split by an attempt to seat a delegate friendly to President Buchanan. Parks lead the seceding delegates.

Samuel T. Ferguson, paymaster for a construction company, was killed and Charles Martin, his clerk, fatally injured by robbers, who blew up their carriage with dynamite near Washington, Pa., and stole \$3,600, being conveyed to the construction camp.

Chicago's centennial celebration was inaugurated with a spectacle vividly recalling the great fire which destroyed the city in 1871. Under the watchful eyes of firemen and police, 8,000 pounds of red fire was burned in the downtown district, brilliantly illuminating a large part of the city. Nine historical tablets were dedicated.

Accidental seizing of a live wire on the roof of a barn on which he was playing in Chicago caused the death of Ray Ealer, 13 years old.

C. K. G. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon, the trotting mare, has announced positively that she will not be allowed to go into a contest with another horse in a trial for supremacy.

The Southern Pacific railroad estimates the bean output in the lower California counties this year at 750,000 sacks, about 100,000 sacks more than any previous estimate.

While running at a high rate of speed a train on the Southern railway jumped from a trestle 75 feet high, half a mile north of Danville, Va. Nine men were killed and seven injured.

One man was killed and 16 men were injured in the collapse of part of the new plant of the Western Electric company in course of construction in Chicago.

Railroads east of the Missouri river have entered a combination to protect American industries from competition due to cheap ocean and inland freights.

Pittsburg, Cleveland, Buffalo and Wheeling delegates, representing 10,000 men, decided to withdraw from Bridge and Iron Workers' convention at Kansas City unless Delegate Sam Parks is deposed.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

During a quarrel over 20 cents at Middletown, Ky., John Jones shot and killed Lawrence Duffy.

An anti-Sunday baseball bill has been passed by both branches of the Alabama legislature. The bill prohibits the playing on Sunday of baseball, tennis, golf and football.

Mrs. Perkins and daughter were drowned while trying to cross the Des Moines river near Dundee, Minn.

At Cynthia, Ky., Judge Osborne sentenced Curtis Jett to be hanged December 18 for killing James Cockrill at Jackson, Ky., July 21, 1902.

The Farmers' National congress adjourned at Niagara Falls, N. Y., after electing Harvie Jordan, Monticello, Ga., president.

Father Callahan, the pastor of the Cathedral parish, Denver, Col., and in charge of the finances of the parish and for the building of a new cathedral, is short in his accounts to the amount of something like \$20,000.

President Roosevelt and his executive staff have returned to Washington from Oyster Bay.

Chairman Dick, of the Ohio republican state committee, has declined the challenge of John H. Clarke, democratic nominee for United States senator, to a joint debate with Senator M. A. Hanna.

"The populists will have their own ticket in the field and poll more votes than ever before," says former Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, chairman of the populist committee.

Judge John M. Bailey, president of the Twentieth Judicial district, dropped dead in his bath room at Huntington, Pa.

Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, opened the state campaign at Des Moines with a speech outlining the harmony policy to prevail this fall.

Plus X, it is claimed, is in thorough sympathy with the liberal views of Cardinal Gibbons and his party in the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

FOREIGN.

The porte has expressed a wish for the withdrawal of the American warships now off Beirut. It is thought in Constantinople that the United States will not consent.

Great Britain is made to realize that King Edward VII. is a ruler who means to rule by the vigor with which he has taken hold of the cabinet situation and the African war and army scandals.

Great Britain and Spain have agreed to the establishment of a French protectorate over Morocco.

Comte Henri de la Vaulx, Comte Hadellus Dautremont and Capt. Jules Veger have set a new balloon record by crossing from Paris to Hull, a distance of 360 miles, in 17½ hours.

Withdrawal of the American warships from Beirut seems unlikely for the present, in view of a cablegram received at the state department from Minister Leishman, who says that the state of affairs at Beirut may yet be regarded as uncertain.

The national encampment of the Union Veterans' Union and the national convention of the Woman's Veteran Relief Union will be held in Louisville, Ky., October 14 to 15, inclusive.

Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, who is now at Caribbad, has been offered and has declined the colonial secretaryship.

The Nashville has been ordered to Nicaraguan waters to protect Americans, who complain of bad treatment.

The Turkish government has ordered the immediate mobilization of 64 battalions of the army reserve, half the force to report at Salonica and the remainder to operate with Adrianople as the base.

LATER.

James H. Tillman, former lieutenant-governor of South Carolina, and son of former Congressman George D. Tillman and nephew of United States Senator Tillman, was put on trial in Lexington, S. C., on the 28th, for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State, the chief newspaper of South Carolina.

John O'Grady, a prominent corporation lawyer, died in Kansas City, Mo., on the 28th, after a brief illness. Mr. O'Grady was born in Ireland in 1850 and was admitted to the bar at Wexford. He came to this country in 1879. He had practiced law in Kansas City for the past 15 years.

The employees in the Cincinnati branch of the American Type Foundry Co. went out on a strike at Cincinnati, on the 28th, on orders from their organization headquarters in Chicago. The men said it was to be a general strike of all the type foundries in the country.

Charles Becker, considered the cleverest forger in America, is once more at liberty. Becker left San Quentin (Cal.) prison, on the 28th, after having served seven years for raising a \$12 draft to \$22,000 on the Crocker-Woolworth bank of San Francisco, Cal.

At a consultation of physicians, on the 28th, it was decided that an operation was not necessary in the case of Archbishop John Joseph Kain, of St. Louis, who was suffering from an attack of appendicitis at St. Agnes' sanitarium in Baltimore, Md.

East St. Louis & Suburban railroad will begin on October 1, to run its cars through from Edwardsville, Ill., to the East St. Louis loop. The cars will run on a one-hour schedule and will run to Edwardsville in one hour and a half.

Burglars, at four o'clock on the morning of the 28th, blew open the safe in the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot at Pilot Grove, Cooper county, Mo., and secured about thirty dollars.

The preliminary examination of Senator Geo. E. Green on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with post office investigations was, on the 28th, postponed until October 12. After an absence of 13 weeks spent at Oyster Bay, N. Y., President Roosevelt returned, on the 28th, to Washington, D. C.

Five buildings were destroyed by an explosion, on the 28th, at the Conell powder mills near Shamokin, Pa.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Owing to a scarcity of boys in Kansas City, Mo., women are being largely employed as messengers.

Omaha (Neb.) officers discovered nearly 1,000 young children working in the packing houses and ordered them to school.

C. M. Malloy, of Chattanooga, after five failures with flying machines, has gone to San Francisco, where he will make a sixth attempt.

Railroads generally are adopting the rule that employees who drink or who frequent places where liquor is sold are subject to dismissal.

James Wallace, an Omaha club man, has disappeared, leaving a letter to his father, in which he says he is worthless and asks him not to institute a search.

President Roosevelt, it is again said, will not recede from the stand he has taken in regard to labor conditions in the government printing office.

Reports to the war department show that soldiers are becoming remarkably proficient in the use of small arms as a result of the summer range practice.

The Salvation Army, 1,000 strong, plans a nine days' spectacular invasion of the Bowery in New York, in the hope of cleansing that stronghold of vice and squalor.

A saving of \$51,000 is made by the government on bids for money order supplies submitted in place of those recently rejected by the post office department.

A French geographer and an aeronaut are preparing to make a flight across the Atlantic in an airship, starting from the Canary Islands next May.

For the first time in the history of Columbia university a woman has been directly appointed to a professorship by the board of trustees. The new professor is Miss Margaret E. Maltby, Ph. D.

The report of Consul General Hughes at Coburg to the department of state shows Germany to be in the throes of commercial depression. Thousands of men are unemployed, and wages are going down at an alarming rate.

Belief that the murder of Orlando P. Dexter was due to the hatred of natives of Adirondacks for the rich is strengthened by a report that shots had been fired at the house of William Rockefeller.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

A post office has been established at Maples, Texas county.

The post office at Trinity, Adair county, has been discontinued; mail to Green Top.

The supreme lodge, Knights of Maccabees, has purchased the \$40,000 issue of Sedalia school bonds.

Saurbier & Sick is the name of a blacksmith firm at Nineteenth street and Forest avenue, Kansas City.

Dr. J. B. Winn, who recently died at Macon, aged 88, was the oldest practicing physician in central Missouri.

Dr. Walter McKinley, the Grant City physician, pleaded guilty in the United States district court to the charge of having sent forbidden matter through the government mails.

Engineer M. C. Page, the Chicago & Alton engineer who was injured in a wreck near Slater, and who sued the company for \$50,000 damages, has accepted \$7,500 as a compromise.

In the drill contest at the Southwest Missouri Log-Rolling association at Warrensburg, Trinity camp, of Kansas City, won the first prize and Jefferson City second. Woodmen were in attendance from many cities and towns.

The state board of prison inspectors has awarded for \$8,475, the contract for the binding twine building at the state prison. It is hoped to have the machinery in place in time to make twine for next year's harvest. The prison plant will have a capacity of 10,000 pounds of twine daily.

A deputy sheriff from Warren county took back to Holstein from Kansas City John Becker, the 52-year-old farmer who ran away with Lena Weidower, the 13-year-old girl who had been working for him. When arrested at the Union depot at Kansas City Becker carried a satchel containing \$3,500 in bills.

At the annual meeting of the Missouri County Clerks' association, held at St. Louis last week, definite steps were taken toward a repeal of the present road laws of Missouri and the framing of one general law covering the conditions in every county in the state by the appointment of a committee to investigate all road laws now in force and make a report.

S. Z. Porter, a prominent farmer and stockman near West Plains, has disappeared. Three weeks ago he went to Springfield to buy goats, and has not since been seen. His farm valued at \$10,000 and stock worth \$3,000 have been attached by creditors to satisfy a claim of \$3,500. Several years ago, while residing at Panama, Ia., Porter disappeared under similar circumstances, and afterward was found in Louisiana.

R. S. McKinney, county surveyor, was fined \$27.45 at Mexico for violation of the city ordinance in erecting hitching racks around the courthouse. The city has just paved the streets and beautified the square and it refuses to allow the county court to replace the old hitching racks. As the county surveyor was acting upon the authority of the county court the courts must decide which is superior in the matter—the county or the city.

The Missouri Christian Church Missionary convention, recently held at Columbia, elected officers as follows: President, E. M. Richmond, of Fayette; vice president, M. J. Nicolson, of Memphis; recording secretary, W. S. St. Clair, of Columbia; assistant secretary, W. F. Hammon, of Windsor; corresponding secretary, T. A. Abbot, of Kansas City; state superintendent of Christian Endeavor work, H. A. Denton, of Warrensburg. It was determined to hold all annual conventions in June instead of September. Carrollton was selected as the next place of meeting.

That useful animal, the goat, is being put to a new use on a farm ten miles northwest of Columbia. A carload of goats was turned loose on a piece of ground on the Branham Hearn farm, for the purpose of exterminating rattlesnakes. The plot of ground is thickly covered with undergrowth, and there are so many rattlesnakes on it that workmen are afraid to enter it to clear it up. The experiment is being watched with much interest. Goats on the state farm at Columbia have proven their efficiency in clearing off thickly covered ground, but some doubt if they will be able to exterminate the snakes as well.

There was a bold daylight robbery two miles north of Marceline Saturday. Two well-dressed young men stopped at the house of Jacob Rensimer, a wealthy farmer. They stated that they were escaped convicts and wanted dinner. After they had eaten they "covered" the farmer with pistols and took from him a small amount of money. They made the farmer promise not to tell for eight days. Rensimer and his wife kept the secret through fear until late Saturday evening. As soon as it was known the officers were on the lookout and the robbers were captured Saturday night at a hotel in Bucklin, and are now in the Linneus jail.

TILLMAN'S TRIAL BEGAN MONDAY

Wonderful Array of Legal Talent for the Defense.

BOTH SIDES READY FOR TRIAL

At the Time of the Killing Tillman Was Lieutenant-Governor of the State—Has Hired All the Lawyers in Lexington.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 29.—After two continuances and a change of venue, James H. Tillman, son of former Congressman George D. Tillman and nephew of United States Senator Tillman, was put on trial in Lexington, Monday, for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State, the chief newspaper of middle and upper Carolina. The trial had been set for Monday, April 13. At the time the editor was slain Tillman was lieutenant governor of the state, having been elected for two years in 1900. His term of office expired five days after the tragedy, when Tillman was in jail.

At 11 o'clock the prosecution announced ready for trial and counsel for the defense answered that while all



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the witnesses were not in attendance the defense was ready. The prisoner in the meantime had entered the dock for arraignment.

The indictment was read and Tillman pleaded not guilty. He was dressed in a black suit, and with his six feet two inches presented a striking picture.

Much is expected of Senator Ben Tillman, an uncle of the prisoner, by the lawyers for the defense. He was here last Monday, and will be present during the trial. Senator Tillman is the idol of the people of Lexington county, which has no towns of more than a few hundred inhabitants. It was in Lexington, Edgefield and Saluda counties that the Tillman movement in South Carolina first secured a foothold, and anything that Senator Tillman wants the voters of these counties try to give him.

On the day of the shooting, January 15, Mr. Gonzales left his office about two o'clock and was walking home to lunch. It was cold. He had on an overcoat and carried his hands in his pockets, with the thumbs on the outside, an habitual position with him. At the same time the lieutenant-governor, who had just taken off the flowing purple robes worn by the lieutenant-governor in South Carolina in his capacity as president of the senate, left the statehouse with two friends. Editor Gonzales and the Tillman party met just at the intersection of the street down which Mr. Gonzales was about to turn. When directly opposite him Tillman extended his arm and fired, the bullet entering one side and passing out the other.

At the application for bail, which was refused, Tillman stated that he had been notified Gonzales had made threats against him and that he saw the editor thrust his hand down in his pocket. Thereupon he shot. In an ante-mortem declaration Mr. Gonzales said he had sent no messages, made no threat, was unarmed and expected no trouble. Tillman used a German magazine pistol, having great penetration. He also had another revolver of large caliber on his person at the time. Two men—one a doorkeeper, appointed by Tillman, who had a bad reputation in Edgefield, and a friend of the doorkeeper of the same class—confirmed Tillman's story. He is contradicted by a prominent lady of this city, and neither of the friends with whom he was walking saw any hostile movement. A building contractor and several other persons known in the community, eyewitnesses, contradict Tillman. All the evidence on the subject is that Editor Gonzales was not armed, had not carried a pistol for many years.

It is the opinion of a good many people that the intention of Tillman was definitely known to several of his most intimate friends several days in advance and developments along this line may cause sensations.

A jury was secured in the afternoon and the state proceeded with presentation of witnesses.